

ON THE EVE OF THE PREMIER'S VISIT TO EISENHOWER

Dulles fires crisis for Eden

Denial may be issued
**BRITAIN'S REFUSAL
PREVENTED WAR**

By DEREK MARKS

SIR ANTHONY EDEN is faced with a sudden new tension in Anglo-American relations on the eve of his visit to Washington to see President Eisenhower.

The tension springs from an interview given by Mr. John Foster Dulles, the U.S. Secretary of State, to the American magazine Life.

So seriously is this interview regarded in London that I understand Whitehall experts are considering whether an official British statement should be issued in reply to Mr. Dulles.

Bomb threats

Mr. Dulles listed three occasions when he claimed that America's strong foreign policy in the past 18 months averted a world war—or a diplomatic defeat for the West—by threatening to use the atom bomb.

The first was when the Korean truce negotiations looked like breaking down, the second when it was planned to raise the siege of Dien Bien Phu in Indo-China, and the third during the Formosa crisis last year.

Mr. Dulles has suggested that Britain promised to back united action on Dien Bien Phu if the Geneva Far East conference failed.

Officials in London last night pointed out that Sir Winston Churchill, then Prime Minister, had plainly assured the House of Commons that Britain was not prepared "to give any undertaking about United Kingdom military action in Indo-China in advance of the results of Geneva."

Cabinet call

I was in Geneva at the time these decisions were taken. The overwhelming view of the diplomats of the many nations assembled there was that only Sir Anthony Eden's firm rejection of the plan to make an air strike on Dien Bien Phu averted a world war.

Here is what happened:—Early in April 1954 Mr. Dulles issued a call for united action by the Western Powers to

relieve the French position in Indo-China.

The British Cabinet rejected the plan and advised Mr. Dulles to tread warily.

Mr. Dulles came to London and was warned by Sir Anthony Eden that on the basis of the existing situation there was no question of joint action.

Then, on the eve of the opening of the Geneva conference, there was a meeting in Paris between Mr. Bidault, then French Foreign Minister, Mr. Dulles, and Sir Anthony.

Mr. Dulles put forward the idea of an air strike to relieve the French position in Indo-China. Sir Anthony was opposed to the scheme. He agreed to consult the Cabinet—and Sir Winston summoned a special Sunday meeting attended by the Chiefs of Staff.

The Chiefs of Staff—on military grounds alone—dismissed the project as fantastic and offering no solution whatever to the position of de Castries.

The Cabinet—on political and diplomatic grounds—decided that to go into the Indo-China war would invite the Chinese Communists to join in and would certainly spark off a world war.

Why now?

Sir Anthony was assured that his original objections to the suggestion of Mr. Dulles were backed by the whole Cabinet and the Chiefs of Staff.

I can state that there was never at any time any chance that Britain would agree to this proposal—or that Mr. Dulles was ever led to believe that there was.

The biggest question facing London diplomats last night was: Why has Mr. Dulles raised all this on the eve of the Washington talks?

Sir Anthony Eden and Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, leave London on Wednesday, January 25.

Their talks with President Eisenhower are to begin in Washington on the following Monday.

Next day Sir Anthony will address both Houses of Congress and make a radio and TV broadcast.

WASHINGTON: Democrat Senator Hubert H. Humphrey asked Mr. Dulles to "republish" his statement that "the ability to get to the verge without getting into war is a necessary art."

Three-day triplets
RANGOON, Thursday. — Triplet girls were born one a day on January 5, 6 and 7 in Pymmana, Upper Burma.

A MURDER IS ARRANGED



**This is the way
I killed Janet,
says the tramp**

From JOAN HARRISON

AMIENS, Thursday.—The tramp who says he murdered Janet Marshall showed how he did it today.

The police drove Robert Avril to the scene of his alleged crime, a corpse in a lane off the road from Flequigny to Abbeville.

Today the lane was muddy, and the bushes were bare, so different from its waist-high greenery on that August day when the 29-year-old Nottingham schoolteacher cycled along at the end of her holiday in France.

Avril, 43 years old, a rugged figure in corduroy coat and crumpled brown trousers, walked up and down in the pouring rain, uncertain of the place.

Then he pointed to a spot three yards from where Janet's green bicycle was found.

IN THE BUSHES
Police Inspector Lelievre pretended he was Janet. He stood among the bushes 200 yards from the main road.

Avril advanced, seized him with his right hand, and the two men mimed the struggle.

Then Judge Detraux handed Avril a piece of string. Avril put it loosely round the neck of Inspector Lelievre.

"No, no," said the judge, "you must show me how you tightened it. I want to see the movement of your hands."

"This is how I did it," said the tramp, tightening the string with his right hand.

"Now get on the ground," said the judge. Inspector Lelievre lay in the mud and Avril bent over him. Then it was all over. As Avril went back to his police car women spat at him.

A CROWD watches silently as (below) tramp Robert Avril uses a police inspector to show how—he says—he killed 29-year-old Janet Marshall. Gendarmes stand by.



A PENNY? AGREED

Sixpence? We'll have to talk about that

Express Industrial Reporter
TREVOR EVANS

A WAGE increase of £10,000,000 a year was accepted casually by leaders of 1,000,000 building trade operatives yesterday. They accepted it as a right.

It represented id. an hour under their cost-of-living sliding scale agreement, and it means another 3s. 8d. a week for every worker.

But neither the 1,000 banner-carrying, slogan-shouting operatives who had taken a half-day off to ginger up their spokesmen nor the dozen union leaders inside the industry's headquarters in New Cavendish-street, W., felt any elation.

They were after an extra 6d. an hour—which would mean £10,000,000 a year. A joint committee will consider this.

RAILWAYMEN, who want another £20,000,000 a year, also paused yesterday.

Mr. Gilbert, the railways' chief of staff, got the agreement of his colleagues and of the three unions to refer the claim to next Thursday's

meeting of the Railway Staff National Council.

MINERS, who have made a £20,000,000 wage claim, were reminded yesterday by Coal Board chairman Sir Hubert Houldsworth of last year's work: a record by coal-face workers of 65cwt. a shift—but 2,688,000 tons lost by strikes.

ELECTRICIANS
Westminster last night voted for token strikes and demonstrations to support a claim for "a substantial increase" in pay.

'Fight goes on'
Tengku Abdul Rahman, Malaya's Chief Minister, arrived at London Airport last night and said: "As soon as I get independence for Malaya I shall mobilise the whole country against the Communist terrorists." The Tengku is in Britain for constitutional talks.

Egor's birthday
MOSCOW, Thursday. — Egor Koroev, said to have fought against Napoleon, was 155 on New Year's Day, Pravda reports.

Row over the archbishop

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to anything like the propaganda that has been made on his behalf. "Dr. Ramsey has yet to prove himself. To many who have watched him closely his appointment has come as a shock and a disappointment."

The appointment—announced at the same time as Dr. Ramsey's of Dr. Montgomery Campbell as Bishop of London—also comes under fire.

The writer says: "If anything could ensure that there shall be no alternative candidate for Canterbury when the time comes for Dr. Fisher's retirement it is the translation to London of the Bishop of Guildford."

Already aged 68 and rumoured not to be one of the strongest of men, it is fairly obvious that, short of dramatic events, the selectors will not be able to look in that direction for a successor.

The parson with a pen
EDITOR of the Church of England News-paper (4d. every Friday) is the Rev. Clifford Rhodes, aged 44.

He is Director of the Modern Churchmen's Union, pledged to further "liberal religious thought."

"It is clear," he said last night, "that the new Archbishop of York is of the Anglican tradition. The people who have been urging him as candidate have shown a great deal of intolerance to those of other traditions—and that is what disturbs us."

THAT LADDER MAN AGAIN

CANNES, France, Thursday.—A window cleaner's ladder was found outside after a £7,000 burglary at the flat of M. Spyridon Catapodis, the Greek shipowner. It was like the ladder used in yesterday's £15,000 burglary at the Cannes home of ex-Queen Elisabeth of Greece. Franks worth £200 were taken from M. Catapodis's trousers, hanging on the door.—Express News Service.

DOUBLE FEATURE FOR HOUSEWIVES

TRY LAMB SHOULDERS..

Best buy at the butcher's this week-end? (English) lamb shoulders, 3s. a lb. (Argentine) chilled ribs of beef with bone, 2s. 4d.; sirloin with bone, 3s.; boneless 3s. 4d.; topside, 2s. 4d.; top rump, 2s. 2d.; silver-side, 3s.; rump steak, 5s. 6d. to 6s.

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Take these prices with you when shopping today. These prices are based on the London area—a guide only.

PAGE TWO ADVENTURE

THE ICE LOSES

Theron men
on way out

By STEPHEN HARPER

THE unlucky ship Theron, trapped for two weeks in ice floes in the Weddell Sea, is at last bearing open water.

She is still hemmed in by floes as far as the crew can see from her electrically-heated crow's nest.

But, said a cable received last night from Dr. Vivian Fuchs, leader of the British Trans-Antarctic expedition: "If we can move another 15 miles we should be able to get clear. Sky signs indicate open water."

These signs are a lighter sky, more green than blue, reflecting open sea instead of ice. But the easterly wind which has blown continuously since the Theron was trapped is still jamming the great, 6-ft-thick floes tightly together.

In the last nine days the ship has drifted with the ice pack about 60 miles further from her Vahsel Bay destination, now about 500 miles to the south-east.

DISAPPOINTED

In his message, which 47-year-old Dr. Fuchs sent on Wednesday, he says he and his 18 explorers are "naturally disappointed" that the smaller Tottan (540 tons against the Theron's 849 tons) has reached the mainland first.

The Tottan is landing a party of Royal Society scientists 150 miles north of Vahsel Bay.

The explorers in the Theron have been dynamiting the ice, keeping decks clear of ice and snow, and exercising the Greenland huskies.

Two of the 34 dogs which sailed from England have littered, and the party has 15 puppies.

Watching this strange intrusion into their world of ice are crowds of 3ft. 6in. tall Emperor penguins, completely unafraid of their new ice neighbours.

AMERICA COLUMN

From JAMES COOPER

Ike WILL stand, they say

NEW YORK, Thursday.

AMERICA had its first positive sign today that President Eisenhower may stand for re-election this year.

A "reliable source" in Concord, New Hampshire, said the President not only has no objection to, but approves his name being entered in that State's primary elections.

New Hampshire is the first State to hold primary elections. Some say Mr. Eisenhower will announce his approval of the action next week.

The primary election is aimed at pruning possible candidates before the national conventions are held. It is also used as a political gauge to test candidates' strength.

Lane Dwinell, Governor of New Hampshire, who will present Ike's name, denied he had any indication how the White House felt on his action.

RETIREMENT at 65? Obsolete, says a New Jersey insurance company, because people are living longer. So it is raising the compulsory retirement age of its own 3,700 workers from 65 to 68.

MORE than 1,000,000 lb. of U.S. surplus butter will be sold to Finland at 40 cents (2s. 10d.) a lb.—about one-fifth below current European prices. Payment will be in Finnish marks.

PRODUCTION of a Chicago baptismal certificate did not save Sebastian Vermiglio from deportation to Italy. It was written with a ball-point pen—not in use in 1912, when Vermiglio was born.

WASHINGTON is worried about the little man in business. His profits have shrunk in three years from 2.3 cents in the dollar to 0.95 cent, while the big companies' rose from 5.7 cents to 1.2 cents, reports the Senate's Small Business Committee.

The committee's eight Democrats and six Republicans unanimously comment: "There is ominous significance in an economic atmosphere which

NEWSPAPERS in big cities asked to restrict advertising voluntarily to save newspaper weekly and daily newspapers small towns. Otherwise Representative Arthur G. Kle chairman of the House Committee investigating the scarcity of smaller papers will be forced to legislate.

SCARCITY? The average American daily newspaper prints 40 pages and by 1965 it will be over 50. Commerce Department forecasts

ACTRESS Martha Raye flew Las Vegas, Nevada, today in a private jet. She is a dancer Ed Begley. They have been married 21 months.

SAM LANGFORD, legendary Negro boxer—he fought 10 bouts in 21 years—died today aged 72.

IN CANADA, danger signs indicate this year are pointed by Mr. James Mu Royal Bank of Canada president. He told shareholders it would be due not so much prices, but "the frantic pace consumer buying, expansion business and general tightness of markets in commodities and labour."



● This is Jennifer Jones, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is to the sweet and patient Elizabeth Barrett Browning in a rem of "The Barretts of Wimpy Street" and patient Jennifer in "Duel in the Su

makes it possible for the nation mammoth corporations to record profits while the rest run of small enterprises, worse off than it was 10 years ago."

A MISGUIDED guided missile gas main running through the desolate white-sand wastelands in New Mexico and 12,000 people in the nearest town of Alamogordo without gas cooking in an area where have electricity.

Scholarships to Canada

THE Beaverbrook Foundations offer five scholarships to the sons and daughters of employees of national and provincial newspapers in the United Kingdom (Sunday and daily national, and daily and weekly provincial newspapers).

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the scholarships will be 1,200 dollars a year for four or five years, depending on the course selected, and travelling expenses to and from the university will be paid.

Candidates should normally be between 17 and 21 years of age, and must have reached a good educational standard.

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